

Please amend the claims as indicated:

1. (Currently amended) A wash bucket screen for use in a water bucket having a bottom and wall, comprising:
  - a planar platform with a plurality of holes therethrough arrayed throughout the platform generally, the platform slanting from a high platform perimeter portion to a lower platform perimeter portion causing debris to slide off the platform over the platform perimeter,
  - a skirt depending vertically from a platform perimeter at a skirt proximal end supporting the platform above a skirt distal end adapted to rest within the bucket on a the bucket bottom.
2. Canceled.
3. (Previously amended) The wash bucket screen of claim 1 wherein the platform skirt is adapted to extend to a bucket wall providing an effective splash shield between the screen and the bucket wall.
4. (Currently amended) ~~The wash bucket screen of claim 1 further comprising~~  
A wash bucket screen for use in a water bucket having a bottom and wall, comprising:
  - a planar platform with a plurality of holes therethrough arrayed throughout the platform generally, the platform slanting from a high platform perimeter portion to a lower platform perimeter portion causing debris to slide off the platform over the platform perimeter,
  - a skirt depending vertically from a platform perimeter at a skirt proximal end supporting the platform above a skirt distal end adapted to rest within the bucket on a the bucket bottom,  
and
  - a flange extending horizontally outward from the skirt.
5. (Canceled).
6. (Previously amended) The wash bucket screen of claim 4 wherein the platform skirt flexes resiliently to accommodate a narrowing bucket wall with the flange extending to a bucket wall.
7. (Previously amended) The wash bucket screen of claim 6 wherein the skirt has vertical slits opening to a skirt distal end allowing skirt portions between slits to bend resiliently as the flange rides on the bucket wall.
8. (Canceled).
9. (Canceled).

10. (Previously amended) A wash bucket screen for use in a water bucket having a bottom and a wall, comprising:  
a platform with a plurality of holes therethrough arrayed throughout the platform generally, a skirt depending vertically from a platform perimeter at a skirt proximal end supporting the platform above a skirt distal end adapted to rest on a bucket bottom, wherein the platform includes channels in the skirt opening at the platform perimeter at the lower perimeter portions channeling debris from the platform to the bucket bottom outside the skirt.
11. (Canceled).
12. (Canceled).
13. (Original). The wash bucket screen of claim 1 wherein the platform further comprises a plurality of ridges.
14. (Currently amended). The wash bucket screen of claim ~~12~~ 13 wherein the ridges are disposed radially on the platform from a center to a platform perimeter
15. (Previously amended) A wash bucket screen for use in a water bucket having a bottom and walls or a single cylindrical or frustum wall, comprising:  
a planar platform slanting from a high perimeter portion to a lower perimeter lower portion,  
a skirt depending vertically from a platform perimeter at a skirt proximal end, adapted to support the platform above a skirt distal end, the platform having a plurality of holes therethrough arrayed throughout the platform generally allowing water to pass through wherein the skirt flexes resiliently to accommodate a narrowing bucket wall providing an effective splash shield between the screen and the bucket wall, the skirt having vertical slits opening to the skirt distal ends allowing skirt portions between slits to bend resiliently as a flange extending horizontally from the skirt rides on the bucket wall, wherein the platform and skirt include channels in the skirt opening at the platform on the platform perimeter at the lower perimeter portion and extending along the skirt channeling debris from the platform to the bucket bottom outside the skirt.
16. (Original) The wash bucket screen of claim 15 wherein the platform further comprises a plurality of ridges disposed radially on the platform from a center to a platform perimeter.
17. (Previously amended) The wash bucket screen of claim 19 further comprising a slanted platform supported on a depending skirt sized to flexibly engage the water bucket wall above the bucket bottom with channels on the platform skirt opening at the platform perimeter at a lower perimeter portion and channeling debris from the slanted planar platform to the bucket bottom.
18. (Canceled).